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Land Reform in Iran.

STATINTL

During one of our conversations of recent months, [REDACTED] remarked that O/RR had found it necessary to undertake research on land reform in Iran; the implication being that other agencies, including OIR, were derelict. Since then, Ed Doherty has sent me a hectographed preliminary working draft entitled "Land Reform in Iran", O/RR Project 21.152, about which I talked with you the other day.

To set the record straight, we gave the Interdepartmental Committee on Land Reform a paper on this subject in March, 1953. In the absence of any statement to the contrary, we assume that this met the inter-agency requirements for intelligence on Iran's land reform problem.

I am not sure that our paper was given full distribution and it may well be that your agricultural people were not aware of its existence.

With this, I trust that the whole matter can be laid to well-earned rest.

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